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The Honorable Porter J. Goss
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Goss,

As the lead House sponsor of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, a bill which became Public Law No: 105-246 on October 8, 1998, I write to express sincere concern about the Central Intelligence Agency's (C.I.A.) refusal to provide thousands of pages of documents sought by the Nazi War Crimes Interagency Working Group (IWG).

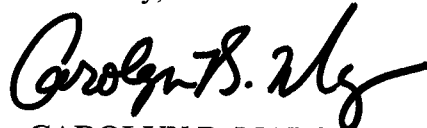
The documents provided thus far to the IWG have revealed that there was a closer relationship between the U.S. government and Nazi war criminals than previously known, a revelation that is crucial to the understanding of history. This significant knowledge would not have been possible without the cooperation of many agencies including the Department of Justice, Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Security Council and numerous other agencies.

While providing some documents, the C.I.A. is the sole agency that continues to refuse to abide by the law in its refusal to release thousands of documents. It is clear that you understand the significance of this decision and the importance of this law, as you were an original cosponsor of the legislation that was enacted when you served in Congress. I appreciate that you have only been Director for a short time and may not have had the opportunity to review the C.I.A.'s response to the legislation, which is why I hope we can work together to remedy the problems caused by the C.I.A.'s past failure to comply. I feel strongly that history, and the memory of the millions who perished in the Holocaust, deserve nothing less than full disclosure.

Congress has already extended the term of the IWG by one year to break through the impasse created by the C.I.A.'s reluctance to open the files for review and to facilitate the IWG's completion of its mandate. It is my hope that together we will avoid having another Congressionally instituted extension in order to get compliance with the law.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you toward its resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn B. Maloney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carolyn" being more prominent than the last name "Maloney".

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Member of Congress